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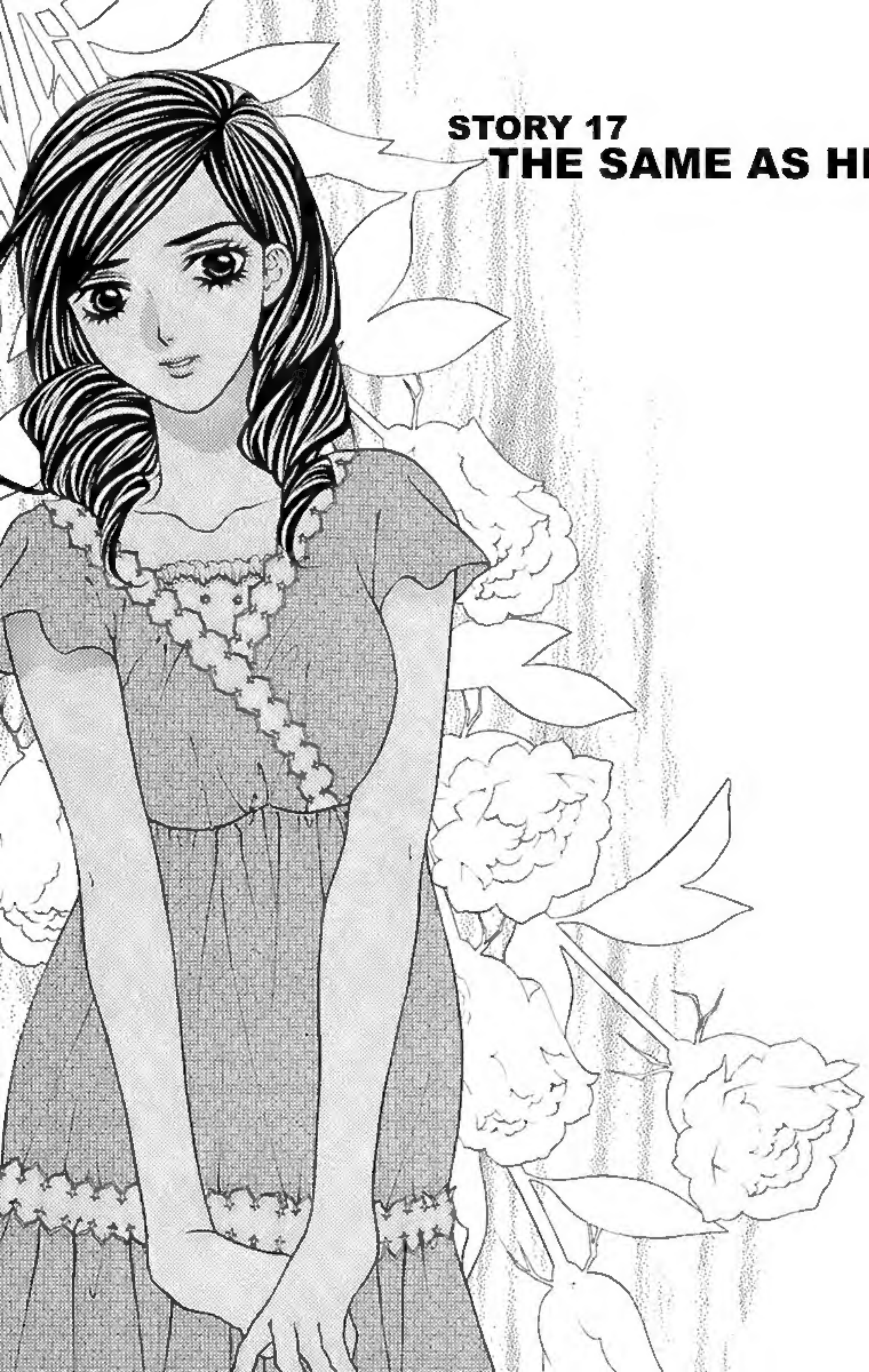
STORY 17
THE SAME AS HER



SHUNSUKE
11 YEARS OLD

NEE-CHAN! YOU'RE GOING TO TOKYO!?

NEE CHAN WAS ALW-AYS CUN-NING.

WELL, I GOT INTO A UNIVERSITY IN TOKYO.

IZUMI
18 YEARS OLD

I WILL LET YOU HAVE MY BEDROOM.

WELL, I'M SURE IT WILL BE HARD TO FIND A JOB, SO I WILL PROBABLY RETURN ONCE I GRADUATE.

NO FAIR!! LIVING ALONE IN TOKYO!! THAT IS NOT FAIR!!

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID.

SO, MORE OR LESS, SHE IS SAYING THAT SHE IS NOT COMING BACK.

MOM...

AND, SURE ENOUGH, 4 YEARS LATER, NEE-CHAN DIDN'T RETURN.

SHE SAID SHE GOT AN UNBELIEVABLE OFFER FROM A LARGE COMPANY.

EH.

I'LL JUST HAVE YOU TAKE OVER THIS SHOP.

THAT CRUEL NEE-CHAN!

OH WELL.

NOW, AFTER NOT SHOWING HER FACE, AND WITH ME NOT WANTING TO EVEN SEE HER FACE AFTER SIX YEARS. SHE JUST SUDDENLY SHOWS UP. AND NOT JUST THAT, BUT SHE SHOWS UP WITH AN OBVIOUS BABY BUMP.

AND THAT IS THE SAME SISTER THAT;

WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH BY ACCUSING MY LITTLE BROTHER OF RAPE!

AH, UM...

I...

WHO...

YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST THROW AROUND ACCUSATIONS FOR YOUR OWN SAKE!?

WHO ARE YOU TO TALK ONEE-CHAN!?

HUH?

YOU JUST COME HOME TO GIVE BIRTH!? WHEN DID YOU GET MARRIED!?

BUT WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT THIS GIRL'S RAPE FRAUD...

D...

ISN'T THAT A BIG DEAL?

WHO CARES ABOUT THAT!?

DON'T WORRY ONEE-CHAN! WE WERE JUST IN A HEATED ARGUMENT! THAT'S ALL!

.....
EH.
WE USUALLY GET ALONG GREAT, RIGHT?

WHY YOU LITTLE...
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING!?
YOU'RE GOING LIKE THAT!?
WE'LL I AM GONNA HEAD HOME FIRST.

SHE HAD A CHANGE OF CLOTHES!?

A PRE-PLANNED CRIME!?

DAMN.

SEE YOU TOMORROW.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!!

YOU'RE FINE WITH A GIRL WHO CAN SO EASILY ACCUSE YOU OF RAPE?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO SAY TO MOM ABOUT THAT BELLY?

!!

IT'S HER FIRST GRAND CHILD.

EH.

IT'S AS IT LOOKS.

IT TOOK A LOT OF GUTS TO COME BACK HERE AFTER 7 YEARS!!

AND I CAME HERE TO THE SCHOOL TO ASK YOU FOR HELP!!

WHAT A SHOCK ...

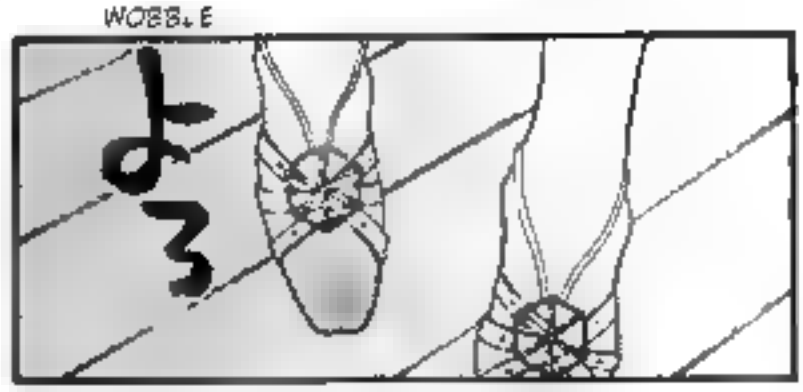
WHAT!?

YOU GO OFF AND GET PREGNANT AND BRING IT BACK TO RAISE IT!! YOU THINK THE SHOP CAN HANDLE ALL THAT...

DON'T JOKE AROUND!!

LOOK OUT!!

WOBBLE



YOU CAN'T DO THAT SUWA-KUN. YOUR SISTER IS PREGNANT SO TRY TO BE A LITTLE MORE GENTLE.

PLEASE BE MORE CAREFUL.

AH, 33...

HOW MANY WEEKS ARE YOU...?

AIKAWA...

UM...
THANK YOU...
FOR STICKING
UP FOR ME...

I KNOW
YOU'RE NOT
THAT KIND OF
PERSON...

YOU CAN'T DO A THING... BUT CRY...

YOU'RE SCARED AND IN PAIN, AND YOU CAN'T DO A THING...

IF SHE HAD REALLY BEEN RAPED, SHE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE SUCH A FUSS...

AND ...

HA.

SHE IS THE GIRL YOU REALLY LIKE, ISN'T SHE?

NEE-CHAN IS SLY...

WELL I MANAGED TO GET THE GUY I LIKED.

THAT'S NO GOOD. YOU HAVE TO GO AFTER THE GIRL YOU LIKE.

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!

LET'S GO HOME, DAISUKE.

SHE CAN MAKE THOSE AROUND HER FALL SILENT.

THINGS ARE UNFOLDING JUST AS I ALWAYS THOUGHT THEY WOULD...

IZUMI...

I'M HOME, MOM...

YOUR... YOUR BELLY...

UWAH! YOU REALLY SAID THAT!!

YOUR FIRST GRAND CHILD.

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SINCE I'M GETTING CLOSE TO THE DUE DATE, I WAS WONDERING IF I COULD STAY HERE.

WELL...

I GUESS SHOTGUN WEDDINGS ARE PRETTY COMMON NOWADAYS.

MOM...!

AH UM, HE'S A CLIENT WHO WAS ON A SOLO TRANSFER.

SO? WHO'S THE BABY'S FATHER?

SOLO TRANSFER...?

NOTE SOLO AS IN WITHOUT HIS FAMILY

WHAT IS IT CALLED... A SINGLE MOTHER!!

AN AFFAIR!? ARE YOU PLANNING ON RAISING THE CHILD ALONE!?

THAT IS...

AN UNMARRIED MOTHER...?

LIM, WHAT ...?

WHAT AIKAWA IS...?

WHAT A DISGRACE TO HAVE A SISTER WHO HAS HAD A SHOTGUN WEDDING!! DAISUKE MUST BE ASHAMED TOO!!

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW? I'M ALREADY 33 WEEKS!!

A WOMAN CANNOT WORK AND RAISE A CHILD ON HER OWN!! ARE YOU TRYING TO RUIN YOUR LIFE!?

WH...

EH.

AH...

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN BY DISGRACE!?

UMM... IT MUST BE SCARY TO GIVE BIRTH ALONE...

YOU SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO COUNT ON YOUR FAMILY FOR SOME SUPPORT...

I MEAN... IT'S NOT GOOD TO BE PREJUDICED.

BECAUSE THIS CHILD'S MOTHER WANTS TO GIVE BIRTH.

THANK YOU, DAISUKE.

BUT I AM NOT ALONE.

THIS CHILD IS MY SUPPORT.

BUT SHE PUTS UP A STRONG FRONT.

SHE CAN BARELY EVEN WALK WITHOUT STUMBLING,

AND HER FACE IS THE FACE OF A MOTHER.

THIS IS NOT THE SISTER I KNOW.

I WILL BE FINE AS LONG AS I HAVE THIS CHILD.

THEN AIKAWA ALSO...?

MOMENTS OF WEAKNESS...

DOES SHE HAVE THIS SIDE TO HER TOO?

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STORY 18 HER PAIN

EXPRESS DELIVERY.

AHH. FINALLY THEY'RE HERE.

DO YOU NOT PLAN ON GOING BACK TO TOKYO?

WELL, I'M PREGNANT SO I CAN'T CARRY ANYTHING HEAVY.

IZUMI!? WHAT'S WITH THE LUGAGE!?

I'M GOING TO DECIDE IF I WANT TO RETURN AFTER I HAVE THE BABY.

I QUIT MY JOB AND I'M LENDING OUT MY APARTMENT TO A FRIEND FOR CHEAP.

IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU.

THE FOOD IS GETTING COLD!!

THE LITTLE GUY WANTS TO DRINK COFFEE...

DON'T ACT SPOILED!

YOU SHOULD SERVE A WESTERN BREAK-FAST.

AH.

IT'S A BOY!?

YES. IT IS.

IT'S A BOY.

NATTO IS GOOD FOR THE BABY.

EAT SOME.

...OK.

OH YEAH, DAISUKE.

WELL, I AM LEAVING NOW.

WHY WOULD I DO THAT!?

DON'T GO BLABBING ABOUT IZUMI OUT THERE!

WHAT! I HAVE TO GO FOR PRENATAL CARE!!

AND YOU DON'T GO OUTSIDE EITHER.

YOU TALKING ABOUT YOUR-SELF!?

DON'T WORRY. SO LONG AS I KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT, NOBODY WILL REALIZE WHO THIS REFINED BEAUTY IS.

KYA.

かちゃ
かちゃん

GEEZ.

UWAH.

OW.

I WAS JUST CLEANING UP OUT HERE.

YOU'RE STILL HERE? I DIDN'T SEE YOU UNDER MY BELLY. DON'T JUST SQUAT DOWN LIKE THAT.

THE BABY...

JUST KICKED!

OW OW OW OW

IS IT YOUR BELLY!?

LIVING WITH A PREGNANT WOMAN IS TIRING...

BUT I WONDER WHAT THIS WAS LIKE FOR AI-KAWA.

I CAN'T ASK HER.

HOW COULD I?

WITH SUCH A TINY BODY... AT THE TIME SHE WAS ONLY IN JUNIOR HIGH...

HM.

IT'S A PRECIOUS SECRET TO HER.

WHISPER

DAIS-UKE!!

MOR-NIN'

WHAT WAS THAT?

IS IT TRUE YOU BROUGHT A PREGNANT GIRL HOME!? IS IT YOUR BABY?

THAT WAS MY SISTER, IDIOT!!

AH.

OHH, IT WAS IZUMI-NEE-SAN.

SHE'S PREG-NANT?

SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE IS READY TO GIVE BIRTH.

SHIT...

YEESH.

IT WAS SUWA-KUN'S SISTER.

WHAT?

THAT WILL BE A RELIEF TO KAZUKI!

WHATEVER...

AT LEAST AIKAWA KNEW ALL ABOUT IT.

EH.

CAN I COME OVER?

YOU WANNA GO TOO, RIGHT, AIKAWÁ-SAN?

EHH!?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN HER.

M... ME...?

MAYBE I SHOULD GO TOO.

WHAT? WHAT? DID I MISS SOMETHING?

OK...

FOR NOW YOU HAD BETTER NOT SEE HER...

MAYBE I WILL GO TOO.

ARA, YUZU-CHAN.

UWAH, IZUMI-NEE-SAN.

YOU'VE GROWN TOO.

YOUR BELLY'S REALLY BIG.

DON'T GO TALKING UP A STORM.

WE MET YESTERDAY.

OHH.

I DID NOT!

SHAME ON YOU. USING ME AS BAIT.

EH? WHAT IS IT?

OW.

THAT WAS A STRONG KICK.

CAN I FEEL?

SURE, BUT DON'T BLAME ME WHEN YOU GET PREGNANT.

THE BABY IS FLUFFING YOU LIKE A PILLOW.

IT'S JUST A SUPER-STITION.

DOES THAT WORK?

AH, THE BABY'S KICKING!

C'MON, YOU DON'T GET THE CHANCE TO DO THIS EVERY DAY.

DON'T JOKE!

YOU WANNA TOUCH?

AIKAWA-SAN, YOU TRY IT!

AH...

HE'S CRYING OUT MAMA. 'I WANT TO COME OUT AND SEE YOU SOON.'
MAMA!!
SHOCK
ANYONE WANT A DRINK?

SORRY I'M GOING HOME...

BLACK TEA FOR ME.

ME TOO.

WE HAVE TEA.

I'M...

AIKAWA ...?

EXCUSE ME.

HOW COULD IT BE THE SAME!?

NO. WAIT.

M... MAYBE.

TOO MUCH EXCITEMENT FOR HER?

HOWEVER AIKAWA MUST HAVE HAD THIS EXPERIENCE HERSELF.

NEE-CHAN CHOSE TO GET PREGNANT WITH A GUY SHE LOVES.

COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!!

AIKAWA WAS DIFFERENT.

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IT'S A CURSE... IT'S A CURSE TO HAVE YOUR BELLY GROW SO BIG AND HAVE SOME LIVING THING MOVING IN THERE...

IT WASN'T AS END-EARING AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.

THAT MOVE-MENT WAS SCARY.

AIK-AWA!!

SO...

SUWA-KUN...

SORRY, BUT I'M NOT... VERY GOOD WITH KIDS...

I WILL PROBABLY NEVER BE ABLE TO HOLD ONE...

WE SAVED THAT BABY TOGETHER DIDN'T WE?

THAT CAN'T BE TRUE.

NO, I'M SURE I...

THOUGH I MAY NOT KNOW HOW DEEP THEY ARE...

I KNOW ABOUT HER WOUNDS.

I HAVE TO GET HER OFF THIS WAY OF THIN-KING.

I'VE SAID SOMETHING FOOLISH...

SEE YOU TOMO-RROW.

THAT'S TRUE...

I CAN'T HOPE TO HEAL THOSE WOUNDS.

BUT I CAN AT LEAST MAKE HER SMILE.

THIS IS THE BEST THAT I CAN DO.

I'M BACK.

WELCOME HOME. YUZU-CHAN ALREADY WENT HOME.

OH.

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HEY.

THAT AIKAWA GIRL'S BEEN PREGNANT BEFORE, HASN'T SHE?

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STORY 19 HER SECRET

HEY. THAT AIKAWA GIRL'S BEEN PREG-NANT BEFORE HASN'T SHE?

SHE HAS. AND TWICE!!

SHE HAS.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?

WHEN SHE SAW MY STOMACH SHE ASKED HOW MANY WEEKS.

IT'S NOT UNLIKE THE SENPAI AT MY WORK.

WHEN SHE SAW HOW MY BELLY GOT SO BIG, SHE SEEMED DEJECTED.

AND THE WAY SHE ACTED.

SO?

USUALLY PEOPLE ASK 'HOW MANY MONTHS?'

IS THAT SO?

AFTERWARDS I HEARD THAT SHE HAD ONCE ABORTED A PREGNANCY.

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THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT MAYBE AIKAWA HAD...

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JUST KIDDING.

I REALLY HAD YOU GOING THERE. SORRY, I KNOW SHE'S THE GIRL YOU LIKE...

EH!?

NOT EVEN NEE-CHAN SHOULD HAVE NOTICED THAT SHE'D GIVEN BIRTH...

BUT...

SHE HIT A BULLS EYE...

NO, NOT REALLY...

AIKAWA IS AN UNMARRIED MOTHER, JUST LIKE NEE-CHAN.

HM?

JUST LIKE NEE-CHAN...

LISTEN, NEE-CHAN...

SHALL I DISCUSS IT WITH HER?

THE GIRL I LIKE IS AN UNMARRIED MOTHER.

WHAT?

NO NO... I HAVE A CLASSMATE THAT IS AN UNMARRIED MOTHER.

THIS IS SOMETHING I SHOULD NOT EVEN KNOW. IT'S AIKAWA'S SECRET.

THIS IS NOT MY SECRET.

OH.

EH... I MEAN, I...

SURE.

I WAS WONDERING IF I COULD TOUCH YOUR STOMACH TOO...

GO AHEAD.

...

I CAN'T HELP IT! A LITTLE BROTHER USUALLY DOESN'T TOUCH HIS SISTER'S BODY!!

TOUCH IT ALREADY! WHAT'RE YOU SO NERVOUS ABOUT!?

TEI.

SMOOTH

BUMP

THIS BOY REALLY MOVES AROUND. I'M SURE HE WILL LOOK JUST LIKE YOU.

UWAH.

IT REALLY DID MOVE!!

I-IT MOVED?

HE'S MY... NEPHEW...?

WHY!?

BECAUSE HE'S YOUR NEPHEW.

YOU'RE REALIZING THAT NOW?

OH YEAH, I AM AN UNCLE.

GOOD LUCK NEE-CHAN. YOU HAVE TO GIVE BIRTH TO A HEALTHY BABY.

O...

OF COURSE I WILL. IDIOT.

IF I WANT TO UNDERSTAND AIKAWA, THEN I SHOULD BE THERE FOR NEE-CHAN RIGHT NOW.

NOT TO MENTION.

I HAD BETTER DO WHATEVER I CAN TO KEEP AIKAWA'S SECRET FROM ANYONE ELSE.

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CHEW

CHEW

CLUNK

'THAT CAN'T BE TRUE.'

THOSE FEW TRIVIAL WORDS FROM SUWA-KUN...

WERE ABLE TO MAKE SO HAPPY JUST LIKE THAT...

SUWA-KUN'S SISTER WAS THAT HAPPY BECAUSE IT IS THE CHILD OF THE ONE SHE LOVES.

SO THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE SOMEONE.

I'M SURE IF THAT CHILD HAD BEEN THE CHILD OF SOMEBODY I LOVE...

I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LOVE THE CHILD AS ANY OTHER MOTHER WOULD...

CLATTER

DOES THIS...

DOES THIS MEAN THAT I WANTED TO LOVE THAT CHILD?

WHOSE FIRST CRY, I NEVER HEARD.

A CHILD I HAVE NEVER HELD...

MY DEAR SWEET SUWA-KUN,

I HAVE GIVEN BIRTH TO A CHILD...

KNOWING THAT, COULD YOU STILL BE KIND TO ME? COULD YOU STILL SMILE AT ME?

GRAB

DON'T GO THINKING THAT YOU CAN JUST WALTZ INTO SUWA-KUN'S HOUSE.

AND WHO IS THE ONE WHO ACCUSED THAT DARLING BOYFRIEND OF RAPE?

THAT WAS...

IF IT WERE ME...

BECAUSE SUWA-KUN IS MY DARLING 'BOYFRIEND!'

I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING TO DEGRADE THE PERSON I LOVE.

I WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING.

YEAH. I WILL.

WHY DON'T YOU GO CHERISH THE ONE YOU LOVE!?

SUWA-KUN IS MY MAN!

AH.

SLAM

WHERE'S SUWA-KUN!?

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ZOO!

IS HE HERE YET!?

I DON'T KNOW.

WHAT!? HE WASN'T WAITING FOR ME AT THE GATE THIS MORNING.

WHAT ARE YOU SO UP IN ARMS ABOUT SO EARLY IN THE MORNING.

HUH?

NO... NOTHING ...

HERE.

WHAT? I HAD TO HELP OPEN THE SHOP THIS MORNING.

EH?

DOK

IT'S OKAY. THEY'RE SUWA-KUN'S HANDS, SO I'M NOT AFRAID.

THESE ARE KIND HANDS.

I'M GLAD THAT YOU DIDN'T HURT YOURSELF WHEN YOU SAVED ME.

THESE ARE HANDS THAT PROTECTED ME...

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STORY 20 HER CONFUSION

SINCE AIKAWA DIDN'T LET GO OF MY HAND,

EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS SO AFRAID OF MEN...

SHE'S COME SO FAR.

SHE ISN'T AFRAID OF ME.

HA.

I'M KID-DING!

WAIT! DON'T GO!!

FORGET WHAT I JUST DID! IT WAS JUST A JOKE!

DON'T GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME...

SORRY, I... UM... YOU'RE NOT MAD AT ME...?

WHY WOULD I BE MAD? IT'S OK.

BUT,

HURRY THE BELL IS GOING TO RING.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SO AFRAID OF MEN THAT I COULD NOT EVEN BEAR TO HAVE THEM EVEN LOOK AT ME.

I DIDN'T SCREAM OR PUSH HIM AWAY.

I WAS SO SURPRISED THAT I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE...

BUT IT ISN'T JUST THAT...

THAT THE NORMAL SENSE OF LOATHING, OF DISGUST AND OF REVULSION WASN'T THERE.

AND THAT, IN FACT,

WHAT TROUBLES ME MORE IS THE SIGHT OF HIS BACK AS HE WALKS AWAY...

SUWA-KUN!

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OH...

NO. SHE SPILLED HER BAG AT THE ENTRANCE AND I HELPED HER PICK IT UP...

WHAT IS THIS!? WERE YOU TWO MEETING PRIVATELY OR SOMETHING!?

I WILL! I WANT TO! I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR SISTER!

EHH. NO WAY! WHAT WILL YOU SAY TO MY SISTER...

I AM COMING TO YOUR HOUSE TODAY!

YOU...

SHE JUST GOT HERSELF PREGNANT, GOT DUMPED, AND THEN RAN HOME!

YOU'RE REALLY TWO-FACED!

I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO SAYS IT!

EVERYONE IS SAYING THAT. NORMALLY THE FATHER WOULD COME WITH THE WOMAN THEY IMPREGNATED.

TAKE YOUR SEAT.

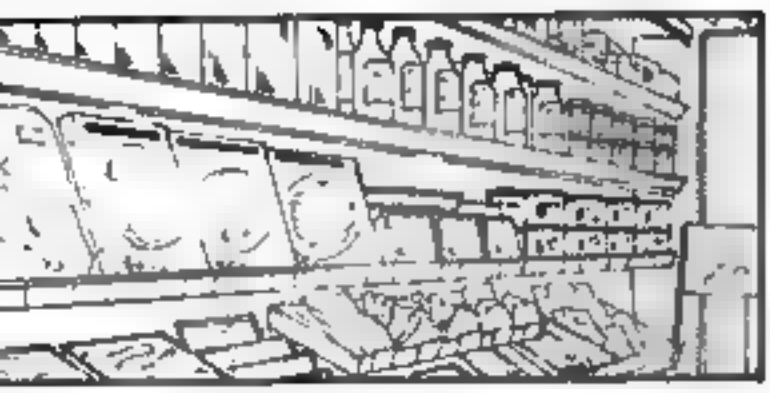
SUWA KU...

YOU DEFINITELY ARE NOT COMING TO MY HOUSE.

WHY?

I'M TRYING SO HARD, SO WHY DOESN'T SUWA-KUN RETURN THE FEELINGS I HAVE FOR HIM!?

OH.



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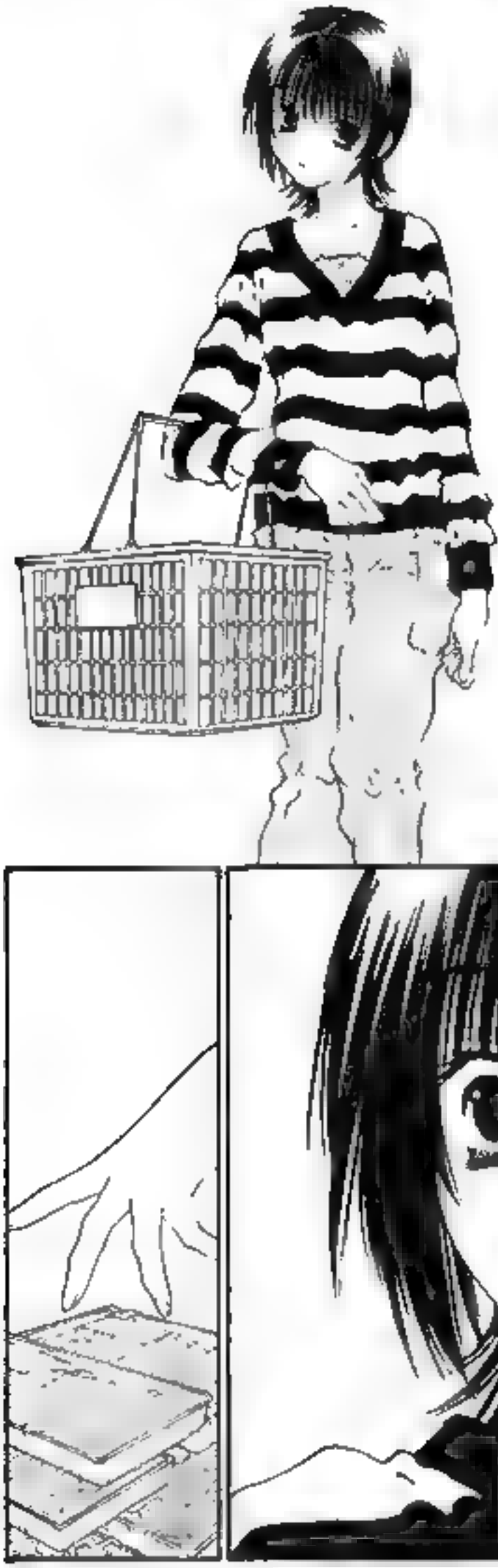
I BET I JUST HAVEN'T TRIED HARD ENOUGH.



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EHHH. SO YOU DON'T GET ALONG WELL WITH MEN, HUH?

BUT YOU SEEMED OKAY WITH DAISUKE.

AH. HELLO.

NOW NICE. SHOPPING FOR YOUR DINNER?

I HAD A CRAVING FOR SOME YOGURT.

SO I CAME HERE. THE CONVENIENCE STORE IS RIDICULOUSLY FAR AWAY.

WHISPER...

THIS PLACE REALLY IS THE BOONIES. PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT A SINGLE MOTHER IS.

EH...? SING...

DIDN'T DAISUKE TELL YOU?

NO, HE DIDN'T...

OH REALLY. BUT SURELY YOU MUST HAVE HEARD A RUMOR.

ACTING SO HIGH CLASS...

IT WAS PROB-ABLY ADUL-TERY.

SHE'S UNMA-RRIED?

LOOK, SHE'S SUWA-SAN'S...

LIKE THE RUMORS SAY, I BROKE THE RULES.

WHEN IT COMES TO ADULT LOVE, THEY SAY THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM.

JUST LIKE IN ROCK PAPER SCISSORS, PICKING LATE IS AGAINST THE RULES.

AND I COULDN'T WIN AGAINST HIS WIFE WHO GOT PREGNANT BEFORE I DID.

I WASN'T TRYING TO BREAK THE RULES, BUT BY THE TIME I FOUND OUT THAT HE WAS MARRIED, I WAS ALREADY IN LOVE.

WHEN WE SEPERATED, HE KNEW ABOUT THE BABY...

I'M HAPPY WITH THE WAY THINGS HAVE TURNED OUT FOR ME.

LET'S TALK ABOUT SOME-THING ELSE.

EH.

YOU LIKE DAISUKE DON'T YOU?

BLUSH

JUST AS A CLASS-MATE...

NO, I...

EHH.

YOU'RE SO CUTE. IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE.

THIS ISN'T SOMETHING SHE SHOULD BE HEARING FROM ME...

ACTUALLY DAISUKE ALSO... NO...

BUT... SUWA-KUN HAS A GIRLFRIEND, SO...

WHY DON'T YOU STEAL HIM AWAY?

EH? THE ONE THAT ACCUSED HIM OF RAPE?

THEN LET'S SEE...

IT'S NOT AS IF THEY'RE MARRIED.

HOW COULD I...

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AREN'T EXPECTED TO BE TOGETHER FOR THEIR ENTIRE LIVES, SO IT'S NOT AGAINST THE RULES OR ANYTHING.

WHAT MATTERS MOST IS HIS FEELINGS.

IF IT LOOKS LIKE DAISUKE IS HAVING A HARD TIME, THEN YOU SHOULD SAVE HIM.

THOUGH I THINK SHE IS THE KIND OF ENEMY WHO WILL PLAY DIRTY.

AND I LIKE SUWA-KUN.

STEAL HIM? FROM IBUSE-SAN?

SUWA KUN IS SUWA KUN.

CAN I DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

NO. TO BEGIN WITH, SUWA-KUN DOESN'T BELONG TO HER...

I CAN'T PRETEND TO HATE HIM WHEN I LIKE HIM.

I LIKE HIM.

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I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE AND SUWA-KUN ISN'T EVEN IN?

WHAT THE HELL?

CAN I HELP YOU?

AH, UM. I THOUGHT I WOULD BAKE A CAKE FOR SUWA-KUN.

BESIDES, DID YOU REALLY ONLY COME HERE TO BAKE A CAKE?

WE DON'T HAVE ANY OVEN FOR BAKING A CAKE.

AND WEARING SUCH A TRAMPY OUTFIT. YOU'RE NOT PLANNING TO SCREAM RAPE AGAIN ARE YOU?

EH?

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT DAISUKE DOESN'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU TRULY LIKE DAISUKE.

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YOU'RE JUST AN ANNOYANCE, AND I'M SURE HE ALREADY HATES YOU.

BUT YOUR ATTEMPTS AT FAVORING HIM ARE A NUISANCE.

DAISUKE IS BUSY WITH THE SHOP, SO YOU'D BETTER JUST GO ON HOME.

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NO MATTER HOW ANNOYING I MAY BE...

IT'S NOT AS BAD AS YOUR DETERM-INATION TO HAVE YOUR CHILD.

IS THIS WHAT THE FATHER WANTS?

IF SO THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU GET MARRIED?

DIDN'T YOU FORCE YOUR LOVE TOO!?

O...

OH MY GOD... ARE YOU OK...

I'LL CALL AN AMBU-LANCE.

GRAB

EH!?

OWWW

YOU PASS.

WH...

YOU'RE NOT A BAD PERSON.

I JUST TESTED YOU.

YOU TRICKED ME...

YOU ARE A GOOD GIRL, SO BECOME A GOOD WOMAN.

GOOD WOMEN KNOW HOW TO ATTRACT MEN.

AND YOU CAN WIN WITH PERSISTANCE AS WELL!

OH MY.

NEE-CHAN. NEE-CHAN.

YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE A LONG BATTLE OF LOVE LYING AHEAD OF YOU.

HUH!?

OH, BY THE WAY DAISUKE,

HERE. EAT THIS. IT'S RICH IN IRON.

HMM.

THOUGH LOVE IN YOUR TEENS IS MORE LIKE A SICKNESS.

MAYBE NEE-CHAN FORGOT...

HOW SHE CRIED OVER LOVE WHEN SHE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.

SHE HERSELF SAID THAT SHE REFUSES TO GIVE UP.

SHE MADE A BIG FUSS WITH HER TEARS.

VALEN-TINES,

CHRIS-TMAS,

SHE WANTS WHAT SHE WANTS.

AND JUST LOVING THEM...

WAN-TING TO BE WITH THEM ...

WAN-TING TO SEE THEM ...

EVEN A CHILDISH LOVE...

CAN BE JUST AS STRONG AS AN ADULT LOVE.

I CAME TO YOUR HOUSE YESTE-RDAY.

EH!? I TOLD YOU NOT TO!

SUWA KUN.

BUT YOU JUST CAN'T TELL THEM.

AND JUST LOVING THEM...!

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS YUZU!

WHY NOT JUST GIVE UP ON SUCH A DIFFICULT GUY AS DAISUKE.

YOU CAN'T JUST LET IT BE.

YOU CAN'T SIT STILL.

MOM?

ARE YOU UPSTAIRS MOM?

MOM.

IS THIS OLD? NO... THIS IS NEW...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IZUMI!?

WHEN DID YOU GET THIS CRIB...

WHAT DOES IT MATTER...

REGARD-LESS OF WHO THE FATHER IS...

HE IS STILL MY GRAND-CHILD.

YOU CAN GIVE BIRTH TO HIM HERE.

I WILL TAKE CARE OF BOTH YOU AND YOUR BABY.

THANK YOU, MOM...

BUT,

I DON'T LIKE THE DESIGN OF THIS CRIB...

EH?

SUWA-KUN. LET'S WALK HOME TOGETHER!

I WON'T ASK TO VISIT OR ANY-THING...

YES!

JUST ON THE WAY HOME.

AIKAWA-SAN LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER.

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I LIVE IN THE SAME DIRECTION, SO I CAN'T HELP IT.

DON'T COME WITH US!

OH.

HUH?

NEE-CHAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

PERFECT TIMING. COME TO THE BABY STORE WITH ME. I NEED TO EXCHANGE A CRIB.

EH?

OH, YUZU-CHAN. IN THAT CASE YOU COME TOO, AIKAWA SAN.

IZUMI-NEE-SAN. I'LL COME TOO!

OTHERWISE THEY MAY MISTAKE YOU FOR THE BABY'S FATHER.

IN MY SCHOOL UNIF-ORM?

I'M SURE A BABY STORE WOULD BE THE PLACE AIKAWA MOST WANTS TO AVOID...

THAT'S NOT SUCH A GOOD IDEA...

I'LL BE BORR-OWING DAISUKE.

I'D BE GLAD TO.

SO I'LL SPEND AS MUCH TIME WITH HIM AS I CAN.

I CAN'T PRETEND TO HATE SUWA-KUN,

YEAH.

SEE YOU TOMORROW SUWA-KUN.

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SMILE

ONE DAY...

ONE DAY I WILL DEFINITELY MAKE YOU CHOOSE ME!!

UWAH. SO CUTE!

HEY DAISUKE, WHERE ARE THE CRIBS?

HOW WOULD I KNOW? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN IN SUCH A PLACE.

WILL AIKAWA BE OK...

EH

EVEN AIKA-WA!?

MINE TOO.

MINE TOO.

IT'S MY FIRST TIME TOO.

WHY WOULD SOMEONE COME HERE IF THEY DIDN'T NEED TO?

UH, WELL I THOUGHT YOU LIKED BABIES...

WHY JUST ME?

I HAVE NEVER RAISED A CHILD.

THAT'S RIGHT. AIKAWA DIDN'T...

EH? AH...

THAT'S FOR A ONE YEAR OLD...

I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS CUTE...

IT WILL MAKE HER THINK OF HER OWN CHILD.

WHEN MY NEPHEW IS BORN AIKAWA WON'T WANT TO COME OVER ANYMORE.

AND SAD.

PAIN-FUL.

HEY.

HEY.

HEY, WHAT A THING TO ASK!

WHEN THE BABY'S BORN YOU GUYS SHOULD COME BABYSIT. IT WILL BE GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE FUTURE.

SURE.

ARE YOU SERI-OUS!?

AWESOME WE CAN PLAY WITH THE BABY.

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WAH, THAT'S SO REAS-SURING!

JUST LEAVE THE BABY-SITTING TO ME, IZUMI-NEE-SAN!

AND EVERY THING WILL BE FINE ...

THE BABY WILL COME ...

BECAUSE OF MY CHILDIS-HNESS I GOT SO CALIGHT UP IN THE IDEA THAT...

MOM WILL SMILE...

NEE-CHAN WILL BE SMILING.

SHE SAID SHE WILL COME ...

AIKAWA SAID THAT SHE'LL COME TO SEE THE BABY...

I WAS SURE IT WOULD HELP HER TOO.

DAMN YOU... GOD.

MY NEPHEW, WHO WILL HELP ME TO SEE HER WITH A CHEERFUL EXPRESSION, WOULD BE HERE SOON.

SEE? THIS IS WHAT MAKES ME SO CHIL-DISH.

AHH, BUT IN THIS WORLD ...

DOES IT EVER GO THAT WELL?

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Story 22 Her Unknown Tragedy

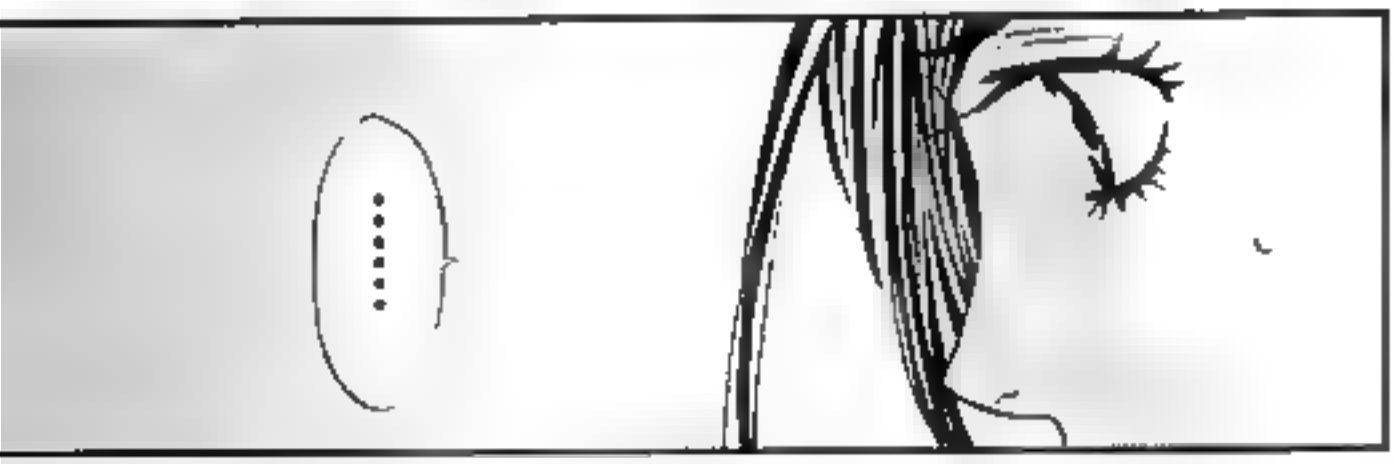
I KNOW NO WAY TO FORGIVE HIM...

I WILL NOT FORGIVE HIM...

I CAN NOT FORGIVE HIM...

IF THIS IS GOD'S IDEA OF A PRANK, THEN HE'S INCOM-PETENT, BUMBLING AND MA-LICIOUS.

KICK!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I GUESS THEY'RE PRETTY SWOLLEN.
ISN'T THAT BEYOND JUST SWE-LLING?

UWAH! WHAT IS WITH YOUR FEET?

SWEEP SWEEP

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR WORDS LIKE WOMB FROM MY SISTER!

CUT THAT OUT

HAVING MY WOMB GET SO LARGE HAS HAD A HUGE INFLUENCE.

YOU ARE SO LOYAL...

THEN WHY NOT ASK HER TO CLEAN?

CLEANING UP THE SHOP LIKE THIS EVERY SINGLE DAY.

I DON'T WANT HER TO HAVE TO DO ANY-THING DIRTY!

EH, NO. IT'S JUST THAT TODAY AIKAWA IS COMING TO HELP OUT.

I SEE. WELL SAID.

OW.

IZUMI.

YEAH. JUST SOME BACK PAIN MADE MY STOMACH TIGHTEN.

HEY... ARE YOU OKAY?

HAS THIS HAPPENED REGULARLY?

WELL, KIND OF... SINCE YESTERDAY.

MY EXAM THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY SAID THAT EVERYTHING IS FINE. AND THE DUE DATE IS STILL TWO WEEKS AWAY.

YOU COULD BE GOING INTO LABOR.

C'MON MOM.

YES.

IS THAT SO...

EHH?

DAISUKE, CALL A TAXI!!

OWWWWWW

C'MON, GET IN DAISUKE.

EH!? ME!?

IS THIS FOR REAL? IT'S ALL HAPPE-NING SO SUDDENLY.

HANG ON, IZUMI.

BRAKES SQUEALING

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BIG!?

SHE IS TOO BIG FOR ME TOO!!

BUT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS I CAN'T CARRY IZUMI BY MYSELF!!

TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL! HURRY!!

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HUH?

'SORRY, WE HAD TO GO TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.'

HOSPITAL? IT MUST HAVE BEEN ONEE-SAN. DID SOM-ETHING HAPPEN TO HER?

COULD SHE BE GIVING BIRTH? BUT... I'M SURE SHE IS ONLY 37 WEEKS...

COULD SHE BE HAVING THE BABY TODAY...?

BUT I ALSO GAVE BIRTH PREMATURELY...

THIS IS A CHILD THAT IS SEEN AS A BLESSING. ONE THAT WILL BE LOVED BY HIS MOTHER.

AND THIS IS A MUCH DIFFERENT SITUATION THAN MINE.

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HAA...

HAA

HAA

HAA

CERVICAL DILATION IS AT 6CM.

GET HER TO A LABOR ROOM!

THIS IS IT.

EH?

DUMMY. THERE IS STILL A LONG TIME BEFORE SHE GIVES BIRTH.

DAIS-UKE...

THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME MOM. I MEAN... 'GRANDMA.'

LABOR ROOM

HA.

HA.

HA.

UH...
UM...

DON'T JUST STAND THERE, RUB MY BACK!!

HA-HAI!!

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IS THIS HARD ENOUGH?

I DIDN'T MEAN THAT MUCH!! IT HURTS!!

EH?

KNEAD IT WITH YOUR FIST!

NO!

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TSK

HUH HUH

KNEAD KNEAD

DAMN IT. YOU'RE USELESS!

LET ME REST A MINUTE.

LIKE THAT.

HIIII HUU.

HIIII HUU.

OK!

THEN GO GET ME SOME TEA.

THAT'S ALL THEY HAD IN THE CAFETERIA.

NOT THIS!!

THEN GO TO A STORE!!

DO YOU WANT ME TO CONTACT THE BABY'S FATHER?

SO LONG AS I CAN SEE MY CHILD BORN SAFELY,

THIS PAIN IS NOTHING.

THAT'S OKAY. I HAVE CHOSEN TO GIVE BIRTH ALONE.

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NEE-CHAN, YOUR TEA...

WELL SAID.

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG!?

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KNEAD KNEAD KNEAD

KNEAD...

HA HA HA HA

MOM, DO SOMETHING I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!

THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO GIVE BIRTH.

SHOCK

DON'T STOP!

D... DON'T FIGHT.

HOW DARE YOU! THE POST-OP IS DIFFICULT TOO! AND BESIDES, WITH YOU, I GAVE BIRTH NATURALLY.

YOU HAD A CAESAREAN SECTION!

DAISUKE, CALL THE NURSE!

IZUMI ...

SHE'S FULLY DILATED. MOVING TO THE DELIVERY ROOM.

NO WAY, YOU'RE GOING IN MOM?

DELIVERY ROOM

SLAM

I WONDER IF AIKAWA SAW THE TEXT I SENT HER.

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I WONDER IF THIS IS WHAT IT WAS LIKE FOR AIKAWA...

AH. SHE HAD A CAESAREAN SECTION.

NODDING OFF

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SUWA-KUN.

YOU OK?

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY IS SHE HERE?

WELL NEE-CHAN IS THE ONE HAVING A HARD TIME RIGHT NOW

WH...

WH...

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE FINALLY GOING TO BE AN UNCLE.

MAKING SUCH A CUTE FACE.

YOU TOO ARE A 'MOM.'

GU RU RU RU

AH.

UH, THIS MAY SEEM STRANGE,

BUT I MADE AN OBENTOU...

THANK YOU...
AHH, BUT GOD...
EHH. THIS...
UWAH. CAN I?
DELIVERY ROOM

DELIVERY ROOM

NEE-CHAN?

WHY, GOD...

THE BABY IS...

THE BABY IS...

DAISUKE ...

YOU SHOULD JUST DIE, GOD...

STORY 23 WHAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW

MY NEPHEW WOULD BE BORN...

AIKAWA WOULD COME TO BABYSIT EVERY DAY.

AND I WOULD MAKE HER DINNER AS THANKS.

BUT THE REA-LITY IS...

THIS IS THE FUTURE I PAINTED FOR MYSELF...

THE UMBILICAL CORD WAS WRAPPED AROUND HIS NECK...

HOW COULD THIS...

DELIVERY ROOM

WHAT I HEARD IN FRONT OF THE DELIVERY ROOM WAS NOT THE FIRST CRY OF MY NEPHEW. IT WAS THE WAIL OF MY SISTER.

IZUMI... SHE GAVE IT HER ALL...

DO YOU MEAN... HE WAS STILL-BORN?

AS SOON AS I SAID THE WORDS, I ALREADY KNEW...

BUT...

TO THINK IT COULD ACTUALLY HAPPEN TO MY FAMILY...

HOW COULD HE NOT HAVE BEEN BORN A HEALTHY BABY.

HE KICKED AT MY SISTER'S BELLY WITH SO MUCH EXUBERANCE...

WHAT IS THIS, GOD?

UM...

IS THERE ANY-THING I CAN DO...?

WHEN EVEN AIKAWA HAS GIVEN BIRTH TO A CHILD BEFORE.

SORRY... MAYBE YOU SHOULD JUST GO HOME...

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SHE HAS MADE ME FOOD WITH HER OWN TWO HANDS, AND YET I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT IT TASTED LIKE...

SHE EVEN MADE A BENTOU FOR ME.

DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE BABY...?

CREAK

DAISUKE...

NEE-CHAN...

HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S SLEEPING, DOESN'T HE? HE'S STILL WARM...

LOOK... ISN'T HE CUTE...?

HE'S AN IDIOT, ISN'T HE?

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY.

BUT THE HOSPITAL WILL NEED TO KEEP THE BABY FOR ONE WEEK.

WHAT AN IDIOT... TO JUST DIE LIKE THAT...

SHAKE
SHAKE

Y...

YES...

PLEASE REPORT THE DEATH TO THE GOVERNMENT AND GET A CREMATION PERMIT.

WHEN WE HAVE CONFIRMED THIS, WE'LL HAND OVER THE CHILD. PLEASE HAVE A CASKET READY BY THEN.

EX... EXCUSE ME...

WILL IZUMI HAVE TO REMAIN HOSPITALIZED?

OF COURSE. SHE'S STILL BLEEDING QUITE A BIT, AND ISN'T IN VERY GOOD CONDITION.

PLEASE GIVE HER A PRIVATE ROOM!

I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH IT COSTS ME! IT WOULD BE CRUEL TO PUT HER WITH A WOMAN WHO'S GIVEN BIRTH TO A HEALTHY CHILD!

I DON'T WANT HER TO HAVE TO HEAR THE VOICE OF A CRYING BABY, OR WORDS OF CELEBRATION!

MOM...

WAH! OH!

IF THIS WERE A NIGHT-MARE, THEN THIS IS THE PART WHEN I WOULD OPEN MY EYES.

BUT NEE-CHAN JUST KEEPS ON CRYING...

AND THE BABY SHE IS HOLDING HAS ALREADY GROWN COLD...

MOM. YOU'RE AWAKE...

I'M GOING TO THE HOSPITAL.

I WON'T BE GOING... I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. I NEED TO GET A CASKET AND AN URN...

FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS...

SUWA
IZUMI

NEE-CHAN?

I've gone to see the baby.

Izumi

IT FEELS AS IF WE ARE THE ONLY FAMILY IN THE WORLD THAT IS ENDURING MISERY.

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NEE-CHAN!?

NEE-CHAN!

DON'T DO ANYTHING HASTY, NEE-CHAN.

WHAT? I JUST WENT TO SEE THE BABY'S REMAINS.

NURSE, MY SISTER HAS...

DAISUKE?

OH.

DID YOU THINK I WAS GOING TO KILL MYSELF?

LET'S TALK ON THE ROOF...

NURSERY

HOGYA HOGYA

MY BABY...

HIS BODY HAS DRIED UP COMPLETELY AFTER BEING KEPT IN COLD STORAGE.

IT MADE ME RE-ALIZE...

THAT HE REALLY DID DIE...

USE THE TERM 'BIRTH-DEATH.'

'DEAD UPON BIRTH.'

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY... STILL-BORN...

SAYING THOSE WORDS MADE MY MOUTH QUIVER.

IT SOUNDS A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN 'STILLBORN...'

YEAH...

YEAH.

I KNOW I WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD MOTHER.

AND YOU WOULD'VE BECOME A GOOD UNCLE.

YEAH.

I HAVE TO GET PERMISSION TO GO TO THE CREMATION TOMORROW.

YEAH...

THIS IS SUCH A HELPLESS SITUATION. AND THERE IS PROBABLY NO RHYME OR REASON TO IT.

BUT YOU CAN'T HELP BUT DWELL ON IT...

WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME?

WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT A LIVING BABY TO HOLD!?

WITH ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD THAT DON'T WANT ANY CHILDREN, OR ABUSE THEIR CHILDREN,

WHY...!?

HUH? WHERE'S SUWA-KUN?

DID HIS SISTER HAVE HER BABY OR SOME-THING?

HEY YUZU, HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING?

HEY, I'M TALKING TO YOU, YUZU.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT DAISUKE'S FAMILY?

YES.

IZUMI-NEE-SAN MUST BE HURTING SO MUCH...

WE COULD NEVER IMAGINE WHAT KIND OF PAIN SHE MUST BE GOING THROUGH.

SHE MAY HAVE BEEN UNMARRIED, BUT SHE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING HER BABY.

WHEN I AWOKE FROM THE ANESTH-ETIC, THE BABY HAD ALREADY BEEN REMOVED FROM MY WOMB...

THE FEELINGS OF A MOTHER WHO LOST HER BABY...

I REALLY COULDN'T IMAGINE WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE...

I FELT AS THOUGH I HAD FINALLY HAD A BURDEN RELEASED.

I REMEMBER THAT I FELT EXTREMELY RELIEVED.

COULD I EVEN BE THOUGHT OF AS A 'MOTHER.'

I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF BABIES AS NOTHING BUT PARASITES THAT LATCH ON TO THEIR MOTHERS SHAMELESSLY, SEEKING TO BE BORN.

AND SINCE THEN,

IF I HAD GIVEN BIRTH TO A STILL-BORN BABY, WOULD I HAVE BEEN SAD?

YET WHY AM I SO CONCERNED WITH THIS NOW...

I CAN'T IMAGINE IT...

I DON'T KNOW.

WHERE IS THE BABY THAT I DIDN'T KEEP RIGHT NOW?

IS THE BABY THAT I GAVE BIRTH TO SOMEWHERE SMILING...?

BITTER♥VIRGIN
ビターバージン

STORY 24　MORE THAN HER

BEING THE BONES OF SUCH A TINY TINY BABY...

AND BEING IN SUCH AN INTENSE FIRE, IT REALLY TOOK A LONG TIME FOR THEM TO BURN TO ASH...

MY NEPHEW CAME HOME AS NOTHING MORE THAN TINY BONES.

AND NOW HE'S IN MY DAD'S ALTAR.

HE'S WITH HIS GRANDFATHER, SO HE WILL BE JUST FINE.

DON'T WORRY.

AND WITH EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF, WE MUST RETURN TO OUR LIVES DESPITE THE PAIN.

I KNOW THAT SHE MUST HAVE CRIED QUITE A BIT.

BUT I'M SURE IT WOULDN'T COMPARE TO HOW MUCH MY SISTER IS CRYING NOW.

NEE-SAN WHO LOST OUT ON BEING A MOTHER.

AND SHE WHO BECAME A MOTHER AGAINST HER WILL.

BOTH HAVE HAD THEIR LIVES THROWN INTO CHAOS.

THE SORROW OF BEING HURT.

THE SORROW OF LOSS.

WHICH OF THEM IS MORE SORRO-WFUL?

SLIDE

SUWA-KUN.

SUWA-KUN...!!

I HEARD ABOUT YOUR SISTER. IS SHE OK? I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THIS HAPPENED.

I'M SO SO SAD.

WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT?

EH?

I'M NOT GOING TO COMFORT YOU, SO GO CRY ELSE-WHERE.

HOW... HOW DARE YOU TALK TO ME LIKE THAT! I AM JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SISTER...

YOU ARE SO STUPID, KAZUKI.

YOU SHOULD LET HIM HAVE HIS SPACE AT TIMES LIKE THESE.

HE'LL COME TO YOU EVENTUALLY.

THAT'S RIGHT.

HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.

IT SERVES THAT BITCH RIGHT...

MUTTER

WHAT SHOULD I DO...

HELP ME, YUZU...

GEEZ. YOU'RE HOPE-LESS.

NEE-CHAN. WHAT ARE YOU DRINKING?

REALLY?

TEA.

I'M STILL TREATING MYSELF AS IF I WERE PREGNANT.

I WOULDN'T DROWN MY SORROWS. I'M NOT DESPAIRING.

HA?

IT'S AWFUL ...

I HAVE NO BABY IN MY BELLY, BUT I'M STILL ONLY WEARING MATERNITY CLOTHES.

EVEN THOUGH MY CHILD IS GONE.

OW...

TO STILL HAVE ALL THIS FAT WHILE BEING SO TERRIBLY SAD...

IT'S NOTHING.

ARE YOU IN PAIN?

WANNA GO TO THE HOSPITAL?

NO!! I'M NOT GOING AFTER ENDURING A MONTH OF TESTS!!

WHAT TESTS?

AFTER YOU GIVE BIRTH, YOU MUST RETURN TO HAVE YOUR UTERUS EXAMINED, AND HAVE YOUR BABY'S GROWTH AND PROGRESS MEASURED...

THEY'LL KNOW THAT MY CHILD WAS STILLBORN!

THERE WILL BE OTHER MOTHERS THERE WITH THEIR BABIES THERE! I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONLY ONE GOING IN ALONE!

THEN, AIKAWA ...

WHAT ABOUT HER?

DID SHE GO ALONE TO BE EXAMINED?

SHE WOULD PROBABLY UNDERSTAND WHAT MY SISTER IS FEELING.

THERE IS NO WAY I COULD ASK HER SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

BUT,

I'LL JUST LAY LOW UNTIL I START FEELING BETTER.

BUT WHEN WILL THAT HAPPEN?

CAN I REALLY LET HER BE FOR THAT LONG...?

I COULD NEVER ASK HER.

AT THIS RATE I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO START TALKING TO HER.

I DON'T WANT TO BE THIS DEPRESSED FOREVER!!

I DON'T...

IT WAS GOING TO BE SO FUN. I WOULD HAVE BEEN SO HAPPY.

HEY...!!

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EH? WHAT?

UH... UM...

IF YOUR SISTER NEEDED SOMEONE TO TALK TO...

I HAVE A RELATIVE WHO GAVE BIRTH...

ER,

ACTUALLY, SHE...

SHE CAME TO ASK ME!!

DAISUKE...?

KNOCK KNOCK

I DON'T WANT ANYONE IN HERE!

HUH HUH HUH

TRANSLATED AND EDITED BY GAR

QC BY B GVINNY

EH?

I'VE BROUGHT SOME COLD PACKS FOR YOU.

ONEE-SAN, THE EXPANDING OF YOUR CHEST HURTS, RIGHT?

IF YOU COOL IT OFF, IT WILL FEEL BETTER.

HAA

REALLY. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PUT UP WITH IT.

BUT I NEVER IMAGINED THAT MY BREASTS WOULD GET SO TIGHT, EVEN AFTER TAKING MEDICINE TO STOP ME FROM LACTATING.

I HOPE THAT IT HELPS.

THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE YOUR CHEST SWELL...

IT'S A STUPID MATERNAL MECHANISM. I HAVEN'T ANY CHILD TO DRINK MY MILK.

I WANTED TO HEAR HIM CRY... I WANTED TO FACE THE HARD-SHIPS OF RAISING A CHILD.

I WANTED TO GIVE HIM MY MILK...

I'M SORRY. I KNOW THAT IT'S FOOLISH TO TROUBLE YOU WITH ALL OF THIS.

HAHA ...

NOT AT ALL. IT'S OKAY. I UNDER-STAND...

THERE IS NO WAY YOU COULD UNDERSTAND.

YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN A MOTHER! MY BABY LIVED, AND THRIVED WITHIN MY WOMB!

A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL LIKE YOU WHO WOULD BE HAPPY JUST TO GET HER PERIOD COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND!

NEE-CHAN, AIKAWA! WHAT IS GOING ON?

IT'S OK. LEAVE US ALONE!

I HAVE GIVEN BIRTH TOO!

YOU GET OUT TOO! JUST GO HOME!

SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER CARRIED A LIFE WITHIN THEM, AND THEN LOST IT, COULD NEVER KNOW HOW I FEEL!!

I GAVE BIRTH TO A BOY LAST YEAR.

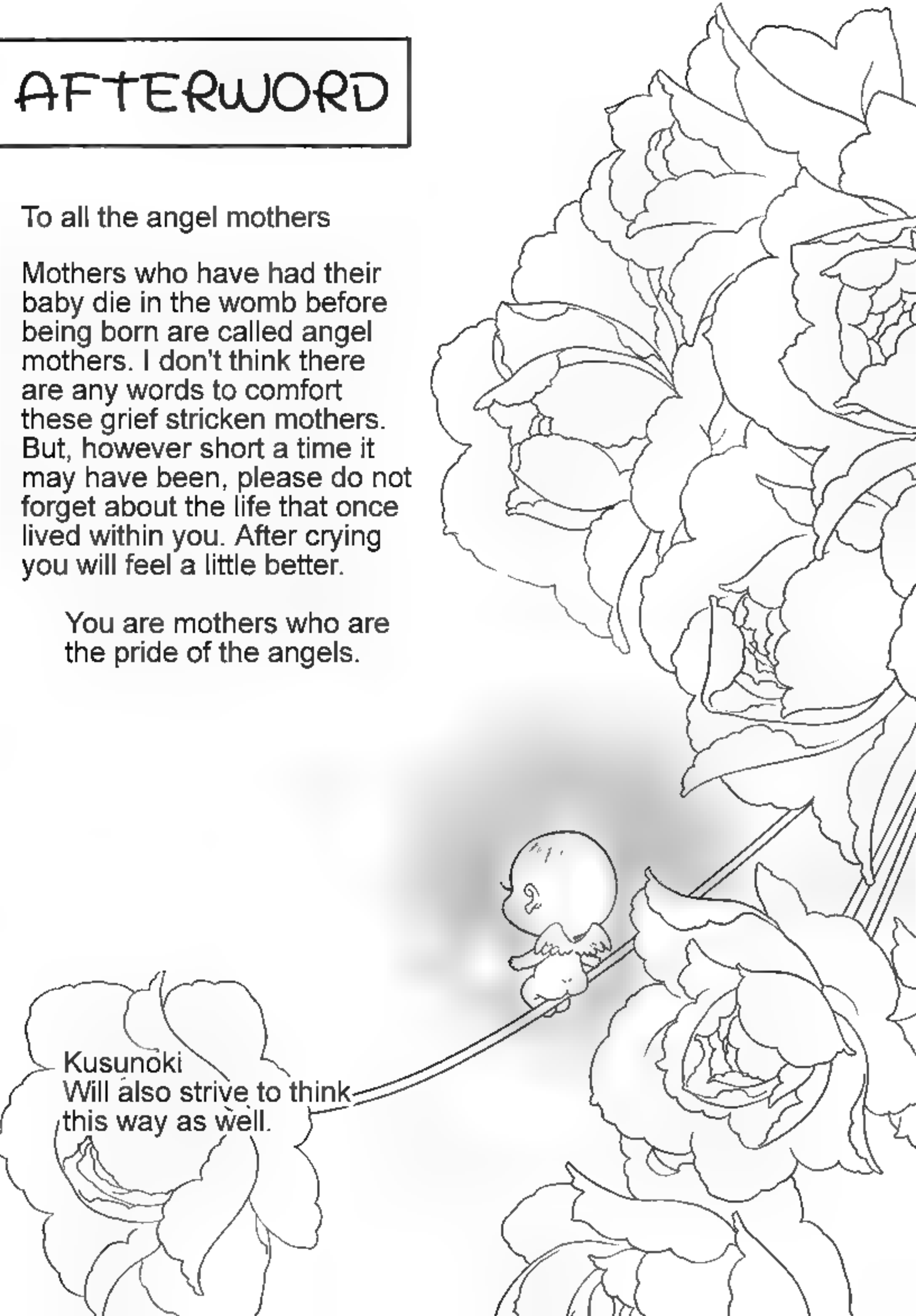
BITTER VIRGIN3 END

AFTERWORD

To all the angel mothers

Mothers who have had their baby die in the womb before being born are called angel mothers. I don't think there are any words to comfort these grief stricken mothers. But, however short a time it may have been, please do not forget about the life that once lived within you. After crying you will feel a little better.

You are mothers who are the pride of the angels.



IT IS THE STORY OF STILLBIRTH IN THIS SERIAL.

HELLO! I'M KUSUNOKI KEI. ASIDE FROM THE RAPE PORTIONS, MUCH OF THIS WORK IS SIMILAR TO KUSUNOKI'S OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

Of course this was after I married

THE LOSS OF A CHILD IS THE MOST STRESSFUL THING THAT ANY PERSON CAN FACE.

EHH.

Boss's hand.

※想像図、
ESTIMATED REACTION

BUT MAYBE THE FACT THAT I WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE WORKING AS THOUGH NOTHING HAD HAPPENED MEANS THAT I'D ALREADY GONE INSANE.

WHILE KEEPING ALL OF THIS TO MYSELF AND CONTINUING ON WITH MY MANGA, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE I DIDN'T GO INSANE...

I HID THE FACT THAT I WAS PREGNANT.

I'M SURE MY EDITOR WAS THE MOST SURPRISED AFTER LOOKING AT THIS MANGA.

I'M SORRY THAT I LET YOU BELIEVE SOMETHING ELSE, BUT THANK YOU FOR DOING ALL OF THE WORK AS IF NOTHING WAS WRONG.

HA. HAVE THEY REALIZED WHAT IS GOING ON!?

AND MY ASSISTANTS THOUGHT THAT IT WAS HAY FEVER.

SHE SURE IS BLOWING HER NOSE A LOT.

AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, I CRIED A LOT WHILE WORKING ON THE MANUSCRIPT FOR 'MORE THAN HER.'

BUT STILL,

MY OWN SADNESS CAN'T BE COMPARED TO THAT OF MY MOTHER, WHO LOST HER SON (MY OLDER BROTHER) AT AGE 3 IN A HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENT.

JUST LIKE HIS NEPHEW!!

The Kusunoki sisters, born after the death of their brother.

I'VE HEARD THAT PHRASE MORE THAN 100 TIMES.

What she always says.

YOU KNOW I RISKED MY LIFE TO GIVE BIRTH TO YOU!!

BUT I SOME-TIMES FOR-GET THAT.

ISN'T SHE BASICALLY TELLING ME THAT I'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD?

MAMA, GUESS WHAT.

MAMA.

MAMA.

JUST BEING CALLED MAMA BY MY DAUGHTER IS OF GREAT COMFORT.

BUT MY MISERY WOULD EVENTUALLY BE INTERRUPTED BY THE BIRTH OF MY DAUGHTER.

Hana-chan. (Alias)

MAMA.

EH?

PLEASE LIVE LONGER THAN MAMA.

At 5 years.

MY GREATEST WISH IS TO DIE BEFORE MY OWN CHILD.

I DON'T WANT TO COLLECT ANY MORE BONES OF MY CHILDREN.

ARE YOU DYING MAMA?

NO! YOU CAN'T DIE!

WELL, I'LL DIE BEFORE YOU DO.

BUT I WANT HANA-CHAN TO MY BONES.

YOU WILL BE WITH ME FOREVER!

Loo Loo Loo Loo

MAMA WOULD LIKE TO AVOID THAT TOO.

ARE YOU SUGGESTING A DOUBLE SUICIDE...?

WE WILL 'KICK THE BUCKET' TOGETHER!

AND THEN,

KUSUNOKI HAS AGAIN BEEN BLESSED WITH POST-NATAL FAT...

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すももももももも~地上最強のヨメ~ 1~8 大高 忍

YG発!!圧倒的大人気ラブコメ!!
来上がりました、一人暮し、激闘ルネの目に焼きけやメ!!

黒 神 1~6 イム ダレョン パク ソンウ

地球防衛を宿命とした存在、元神霊。彼の者は人類の天敵たり
時代を超えて語り継がれるかの名は時はマン!!

戦線スパイクヒルズ 1~6 原田高次 英 井山ヒロト

天才スパイ師は高校生!
大人社会に挑む、高校生を描いた新世代!青春冒険劇!!

Übel Blatt 0~5 空野一支部次

目指すは七英雄の座!武勇を誇わず、裏切りと陥れの名を着せられた男と
名を知る女子の復讐心!!名は体!最凶ダークファンタジー!!

BAMBOO BLADE 1~5 よ 塚理弘 た 一宝あぐり

東江高校剣道部!!ヒロインは、ある日突然剣道部!女子高生剣道に巻き込まれ
そうにない…新米女子剣道部員の青春女子剣道ストーリー!!

荒川アンダー ザ ブリッジ 1~5 中村 光

荒川の河川敷にほむ不思議な人々と、一人の青年の魂の交流を描く、
可笑しくて、ちょっぴり切ない人間物語

死がふたりを分かつまで 1~5 たかしげ宙 DOUBLE S

[illegible]

セキレイ 1~5 極楽院櫻子

[illegible]
美少女満載ラブコメディー!!

天体戦士サンレッド 1~5 くぼたまこと

[illegible]

新装版 GOGO!ぷりん帝国 全4巻 くぼたまこと

帝王、ノーマ・ケクロス、レムノ、ドラつこ月刊少年カンカンで、世を
征森 [illegible] 帝国"のヤツらから、ヤングカンカンに、クラスで戦う!

ドラゴンクエスト列伝 ロトの紋章~紋章を継ぐ者達へ~ 1~5 藤原カムイ 相田 [illegible] 雄一

待望!勇者が平和な物語は現文明が消え去った世界から始まる。そんなドラクエ
世界が異変が…記憶を失くした少年とロスが旅する物語

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「ロトの紋章」本編では語られなかった、アレフやシドーとの
もう一つの勇者のエピソードを、ここに描け!

JACKALS ジャッカル 1~4 木村 [illegible] 興成 キム ヒョンジン

[illegible]

WORKING!! 1~3 高津カリノ

日本一のバイトクラブ数を誇る4コマWEBサイトが生んだ
アンソロジー4コマ!!

●品切れの時は本屋さんに注文して下さい。

ニコイチ 1~3 金田一蓮十郎

[illegible]

BITTER VIRGIN 1~3 楠 桂

[illegible]

咲 —Saki 1~2 小林 立

[illegible]

ムカンノテイオー 1~2 玉 [illegible] 一SIZ [illegible] HIROSHI

[illegible]

同棲レシピ 1~2 大島永遠

現役女子高生とリアルな同棲生活を描いたトキドキコメディー!!

ライオン丸G 1 うしおそうじ 佐藤 大

[illegible]

少年探偵 犬神ゲル 全4巻 ニッポムマサノ

[illegible]
究極のメイドギャグコメディー!!

解錠ジャンキー・ロック 1 上田秋太郎

[illegible]

天保異聞 妖奇士 1 [illegible] BONES 鋸川ヤエコ

[illegible]

はなまる幼稚園 1 勇 人

[illegible]

うめぼし 1 小池田マヤ

[illegible]

キズナ 1 結城 稜

[illegible]

マンホール 全3巻 筒井哲也

[illegible]

FRONT MISSION ~THE DRIVE~ 太田垣康男 Studio SEED

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いわせてみてえもんだ さ と

[illegible]

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マテリアル・パズル 1~19 土塚理弘

3つの魂が紡ぐ、果てなき運命の螺旋(らせん)…。ギャグの奇才・土塚理弘が切り拓く世界は予測不能の新感覚大冒険ファンタジー!!

清村くんと杉小路くんよ 全2巻 土塚理弘

とりごや高校サッカー部は不滅!? 相変わらずの5人体制でしょーもなくステキな放課後! "一文字違い"の『清杉よ』登場!!!

666 ~サタン~ 1~17 岸本聖史

古代遺産オーパーツをめぐり、世界征服を目指す少年・ジオが大暴れ!!ジオのもう一つの顔"サタン"の秘密とは!?謎が謎を呼ぶ大冒険活劇!!

鋼の錬金術師 1~17 荒川 弘

神の造りし人間が禁忌の扉を開く時、その向こうに待つものは…!? 本格ファンタジーコミック!

ドラゴンクエスト エデンの戦士たち 1~14 藤原カムイ

あの伝説が、さらにスケールアップ!! "選ばれしもの"の冒険が動き出す!!

PAPUWA 1~12 柴田亜美

パワーアップしたパプワワールド!! "んばば"の名言と共にパプワくんが大復活!!!

南国少年パプワくん 全7巻 柴田亜美

新装丁&ポスターイラスト付きで「南国少年パプワくん」全⑦巻を発売!! 続編「PAPUWA」月刊少年ガンガンで大好評連載中!!

ながされて藍蘭島 1~11 藤代 健

女の子だらけの島で、唯一の男の子 東方院行人のうらやましすぎる奮闘記。ガールズポップコメディの決定版!!

円盤皇女ワるきゅーレ 1~10 介 錯

時乃湯を営む和人の下へ、宇宙から美少女皇女様がやって来た!小さくなったり大きくなったり、ドタバタギャグ満載のスペースラブコメディ!!

女王騎士物語 1~10 下村トモヒロ

女王の名の下に究極の正義を誓い、絶対の無敵を誇る騎士、それが女王騎士!女王騎士に憧れる少年エルトの冒険が始まる!!

ソウルイーター 1~9 大久保篤

死神武器職人専門学校、その生徒である「職人」と「武器」。その義務はただ1つ「99個の人間の魂」と「1個の魔女の魂」を武器に食べさせ、死神様の武器である"デスサイズ"を作ること――!!

B壱 全4巻 大久保篤

人類の進化の「進」を「化」かした「師」…道化師。生物の骨から、その力を引き出すことの出来る「道化師」将太郎が那本を舞台に繰り広げる冒険アクション!!

王様の耳はオコノミミ 1~7 夏海ケイ

お好み焼きの声が聞こえる耳、その名もオコノミミ!オコノミミの持ち主、虎ノ宮貴一が全国屈指の米どころ、新潟で日本一のお好み焼き作りに挑戦!!お腹グーグー♪はらぺコミック!

ハレグゥ 1~6 金田一蓮十郎

大人気の前作から続くハレグゥワールドが新装バージョンアップ!! 「ジャングルはいつもハレのちグゥ」全10巻も好評発売中!!

屍姫 1~5 赤人義一

人の手に造り上げられし、不死者殺しの少女達……。あるものは哀愁と情愛を込め、またあるものは侮辱と嘲笑を込めて、「屍姫」――、とそう呼ばれる。新鋭・赤人義一が描く、ホラーきガンアクション!!

フラッシュ! 奇面組 1~3 新沢基栄

道理いらずの秘技「奇面フラッシュ」!一応中学を舞台に、名物集団が大暴れ!! ついに登場なのだ!!

ブレイド三国志 1~3 興璧太陽 壱河柳乃助

ブレイド…それは、地球の大いなる力"TAO"の力で甦りし、三国時代の英雄達の魂!! 2000年の時を超えて、今新たな三国時代が到来!!

スパイラル・アライヴ 1~2 城平 京 水野英多

運命があるゆえ願いは生まれ、人は生きるゆえに運命と対峙する。沢村史郎、十七歳。運命は彼をどう裁くのか。彼は運命を超えられるのか。もう一つのスパイラル!!

スパイラル ~推理の絆~ 全15巻 城平 京 水野英多

ブレード・チルドレンをめぐるミステリーアドベンチャー!! 信じる者に幸福は訪れるのか…!? 運命の螺旋、フィナーレ!!

はじめての甲子園 1~2 火村正紀

生徒数1名の土井中野高校に通う二星球人は、野球部のキャプテン、当然、野球部員も二星ひとり。どうしても野球がやりたい二星は、校長に直訴して…!? 笑いアリ、涙アリ、そし時々裏アリの野球部コメディ!!

キングダム ハーツII 1~2 天野シロ

夕暮れの街から始まる壮大な物語。夏休みを仲間たちと楽しく過ごす、ごく普通の少年ロクサス。しかし、ある出来事を境に生活が一変! 奇妙な事件に巻き込まれることに……。

キングダム ハーツ FINAL MIX 全3巻 天野シロ

世界を救う鍵を手にした少年"ソラ"が、ディズニー世界を大冒険!! ソラと一緒に冒険するのはドナルドとグーフィー!!

キングダム ハーツ チェイン オブ メモリーズ 全2巻 天野シロ

ソラ、ドナルド、グーフィーの新たな冒険が始まる!今度の舞台は、進むほどに記憶が失われていくという"忘却の城"。城の中で彼らが見たものとは?

衛星ウサギテレビ 1 衛藤ヒロユキ

大ヒット作「魔法陣グルグル」の衛藤ヒロユキが描く、ポップでキュートでちょっぴりフシギな大冒険ギャグファンタジー!!

魔法陣グルグル 全16巻 衛藤ヒロユキ

おとぼけ勇者ニケとかわいい魔法使いククリ。
ワクワクとドキドキがいっぱいの冒険記!!

東京アンダーグラウンド 全14巻 有楽彰展

「風」と「炎」、そして「重力」が大激突!「生命の巫女」をめぐる白熱の異能力バトルコミック!!

ヴァンパイア十字界 全9巻 城平 京 木村有里

血戦、開始。「スパイラル」の城平 京と新鋭・木村有里が描く新ヴァンパイアストーリー!!

スターオーシャン Till the End of Time 全7巻 神田 晶

12人の英雄たちが邪悪な十賢者を倒してから400年あまり…。――今、運命の名を持つ少年の旅が始まる!!

ひぐらしのなく頃に 暇潰し編 全2巻 竜騎士07 外海良基

警視庁公安部の赤坂衛は、建設大臣の孫の誘拐事件を追ってやって来た雛見沢村で、自らの死を予知する不思議な少女、古手梨花と出会う。出会いに隠された真実とは!?

新体操舞技 -TUMBLING BOYS- 全1巻 宍戸道子

女子にはない力強さと激しい演技で最注目の男子新体操を初のコミック化! メンバー全員問題児!? でもその心が一つになった時、奇跡が生まれる! 連載時とは違うラストを含む30P超の描き下ろしでボリューム満点!

●品切れの時は本屋さんに注文して下さい。

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So ends volume 3 of BITTER VIRGIN. I expect it will be a couple of months or so before volume 4 goes on sale. Kusunoki Kei recently stated in her blog that BITTER VIRGIN will soon be completed. So don't expect more than 5 volumes at the most.

- Gari

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